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**I-94 to CLOSE at 5:30pm CST from the Montana Border to Jamestown; HWY 83 to
CLOSE at 5:30pm CST from Minot to Bismarck**

The North Dakota Department of Transportation (NDDOT) and the North Dakota Highway Patrol will **CLOSE I-94 eastbound and westbound lanes** from the Montana Border to Jamestown, except for the Dickinson and Bismarck/Mandan metro areas; and **HWY 83 northbound and southbound lanes** from Minot to Bismarck due to snow, blowing and drifting snow, and ice on the roadways creating near zero visibility at times creating hazardous driving conditions.

Motorists are **not allowed to travel** on a closed road due to life threatening conditions. The road may be impassible or blocked. Motorists who drive past a road closure device may be fined up to \$250

Motorists should be aware the following advisories are still in effect:

· **No Travel Advisories are in effect for** Williston, Dickinson, Minot, Bismarck/Mandan, Devils Lake, Jamestown, Valley City, Grand Forks, and surrounding areas. Motorists should take NO TRAVEL ADVISED seriously as those motorists who choose to travel at their own risk may become stranded and emergency responders may not be able to reach them safely

The three categories are as follows:

1. **TRAVEL ALERT** – Motorists can still travel but may encounter areas of challenging winter weather driving conditions on roadways. Motorists should allow extra time to reach their destination and be alert to conditions that may make travel difficult, change rapidly, or cause travel delays. A TRAVEL ALERT has the potential to change to a NO TRAVEL ADVISED if conditions deteriorate.
2. **NO TRAVEL ADVISED** – Motorists should not travel due to hazardous conditions which may make it unsafe to travel. Snowplows may be pulled from the roads during severe conditions. Motorists should take NO TRAVEL ADVISED seriously as those motorists who choose to travel at their own risk may become stranded and emergency responders may not

be able to reach them safely. A NO TRAVEL ADVISED has the potential to change to a ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED if conditions deteriorate.

3. **ROAD CLOSED OR BLOCKED** – Motorists are not allowed to travel on a closed road due to life threatening conditions. The road may be impassible or blocked. Motorists who drive past a road closure device may be fined up to \$250.

Please be advised that road condition information on 511 and the travel map is updated daily from 5 a.m. until 9 p.m. CDT. The road report is based upon the information available to the NDDOT at the time of preparation and is provided solely as a public service. Conditions may vary from those reported.